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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL AFGHAN JOURNALIST PROJECT

REF: A) KABUL 5085-C B) STATE 185998-C

1. ACTING TO IMPLEMENT CPP PROJECT III-B "AMERICAN REPORT"
(CU PORTION CPP PART 2A, PARA 4) POST HAS ASKED GOA NOMINATE
QUALIFIED JOURNALIST. GOA HAS NOMINATED MOHAMMAD SHAFIE FARYAR
HAMID, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF LEADING DAILY JAMHURIAT.
TIME FRAME FOR PROJECT FLEXIBLE, BUT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ARE
HOPING FOR KABUL DEPARTURE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1.

2. POST HOPES USIA WILL COOPERATE WITH CU IN DEVELOPING
PROGRAM FOR HAMID AND PROVIDE NECESSARY FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE
TO ENABLE HIM FILE REPORTS BACK TO AFGHAN MEDIA WHILE IN THE US.
ALSO ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL REPORTAGE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN AFGHAN-
ISTAN.

3. MAIN FOCUS OF PROJECT WILL BE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL PROCESS
AND BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. IN ADDITION HUMAN
INTEREST COVERAGE OF PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY AFGHAN-
AMERICANS AS THEIR ACTIVITIES AND CAREERS REFLECT
AMERICAN SOCIETY, AND CULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL
SUBJECTS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

4. CURRENTLY PREPARING MORE DETAILED SUGGESTIONS
FOR PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH FARYAR HAMID AND
WOULD WELCOME AGENCY OR CU RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
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ANY UPCOMING, OUTSTANDING COVERAGE INTERVIEW POSSIBILITIES

TO BE INCLUDED THIS SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

5. REQUEST CU CONCURRENCE FOR FARYAR HAMID AND
GRANT FISCAL DATA. (REFER REFTTEL A PARA 5 FOR HOW
GRANT BEING TREATED LOCALLY).
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